

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



June 2013

## Skagit River Bridge Open for Traffic

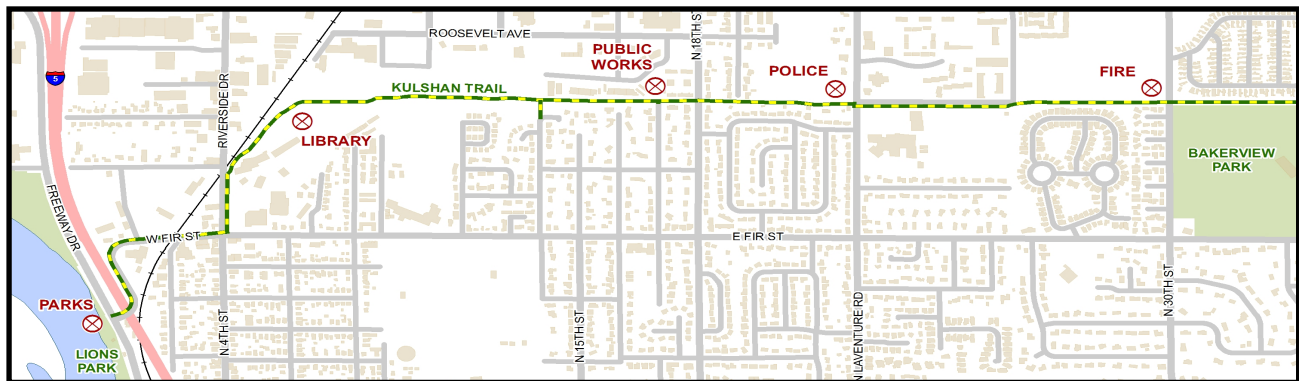
New temporary span is open for traffic! Yesterday morning, Esco Bell and Mike Love from the Public Works Department and I drove over the new Skagit River bridge span. It was a very comfortable ride, and traffic was flowing nicely! What a relief! As we continue to recover from the past month of delays, remember to patronize your local businesses – here is a web address for some 'bridge buster' specials: [www.skagithotdeals.com](http://www.skagithotdeals.com)

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) staff will continue to work this week to retune our signals on the detour routes, setting them back to 'normal.' In addition, our City staff will continue to monitor how traffic is moving through the region.

You can continue to monitor the permanent span construction through the WSDOT website at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov)

## Mount Vernon Birthday Trail Walk

Come celebrate Mount Vernon's birthday on Saturday, June 29, from 10 am - 12 pm with a walk along the Kulshan Trail, starting at Bakerview Park. Do Mount Vernon themed activities and collect stamps at stations along the way, then bring your stamped birthday card to Lions Park for cake!



After the Mount Vernon Birthday Trail Walk, stay at Lions Park until noon and take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Skagit Riverwalk Trail (to the north of Lions Park). This trail flows through wooded areas and is a loop trail on top of the dike at Lions North Park. The trail was built in 2012 and incorporates the top of the dike for recreational enjoyment.

### Mayor's Coffee Hours

**Friday, June 21**

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Trumpeter Public House  
416 Myrtle Street

**Friday, July 5**

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Skagit Valley Food Co-op  
202 S. 1st Street

**Saturday, July 20**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Mount Vernon Towing & Auto Repair  
2218 Cedardale Road



## Upcoming Events

### Summer Solstice Celebration

Thursday, June 20

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Skagit Riverwalk, just north of  
Carnation Building

\$30 per person, tickets available at  
Gretchens in Downtown or Mount  
Vernon Parks and Recreation

### Mount Vernon Farmers Market

Saturday, June 22

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Skagit State Bank parking lot, on  
the corner of Snoqualmie Street  
and Cleveland Avenue

### Fabulous 4th of July

Thursday, July 4

Live music at 6 pm and Fireworks  
at dusk

Edgewater Park  
600 Behrens Millett Rd

Food & music for the whole  
family! Bring your own food & BBQ or  
try one of our tasty food vendors. Music  
starts at 6pm with a line up including  
Spoonshine, Jenny and the Blue Moon  
Boys & headlining at 9:00pm is The  
Sweet Dominiques. There will be a  
spectacular fireworks show at  
dark. You won't want to miss the great  
music and enjoy the best seats in the  
house for the fireworks!

Check our website

[www.mountvernonwa.gov](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov)

for Parks and Recreation offerings

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## Firework and Safety Rules

Purchase only legal fireworks. Legal Fireworks are available at fireworks stands in Mount Vernon. They may *only* be discharged in the City limits on JULY 4th BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 12 MIDNIGHT! Firecrackers, chasers, rockets, missiles, and mortars are **illegal** in the City of Mount Vernon. Many fireworks may be purchased on tribal lands that are **illegal to** possess or discharge on non-tribal land. Fireworks may not be discharged within 300 feet of any forest lands or parks within the City.

### Be Prepared:

- You must be 16 to purchase fireworks.
- Purchase only legal fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Always have a hose or fire extinguisher ready to use.

### Be Safe:

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Do not throw or hold fireworks.
- Protect your eyes.
- Never re-light a dud.

### Be Responsible:

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Clean up used fireworks.
- Keep matches, lighters, and fireworks away from children.
- Alcohol and fireworks don't mix!

### Celebrate at Edgewater Park

Join other area residents for a public display of fireworks at Edgewater Park! Enjoy live music on the stage starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner or buy food from vendors at the park. Please no personal fireworks or alcohol at the festivities. Come celebrate the 4th of July, and leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals!

## Groundbreaking for Waterfront Revitalization and Flood Protection Project Phase 2

Kudos to our Parks Department for hosting a wonderful groundbreaking ceremony this past weekend. We had a great tent set up, lots of golden shovels, delicious scones and hospitality. We welcomed over 125 people including our State legislators, Federal legislator representatives, elected officials and community members.

Our City is underway with the Phase 2 of the Waterfront Project! Our contractor is Strider Construction, who is planning phased construction to ease any parking concerns. We expect a 12-18 month construction window – and will see the demolition of the revetment, a 24' wide promenade and 30,000 sq. foot public park plaza.

